

Department of Veterans Affairs

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that great insistence is placed upon ascertainment of the service-connected disease as a true pathological entity. A subsequent change of diagnosis from one of an organic condition to one reflecting the effect of psychic or nervous factors casts doubt on the original diagnosis, but unless the correction is promptly made continuance of the service connection and of the evaluation under the new diagnosis is required. Such a change does not reflect an improvement of the physical condition.

§ 4.102 Varicose veins and phlebitis.

With severe varicose veins, tests to determine impairment of deep return circulation are essential, as the superficial varicosities may be caused by the impairment of deep return circulation, or there may be phlebitis as a complication of varicose ulcers. With phlebitis, or impairment of deep return circulation, the appropriate higher rating should be applied.

§ 4.103 [Reserved]

§ 4.104 Schedule of ratings—cardio-vascular system.

DISEASES OF THE HEART	
	Rating
7000 Rheumatic heart disease: As active disease and, with ascertainable cardiac manifestation, for a period of 6 months	100
Inactive: Definite enlargement of the heart confirmed by roentgenogram and clinically; dyspnea on slight exertion; rales, pretibial pitting at end of day or other definite signs of beginning congestive failure; more than sedentary employment is precluded	100
The heart definitely enlarged; severe dyspnea on exertion, elevation of systolic blood pressure, or such arrhythmias as paroxysmal auricular fibrillation or flutter or paroxysmal tachycardia; more than light manual labor is precluded	60
From the termination of an established service episode of rheumatic fever, or its subsequent recurrence, with cardiac manifestations, during the episode or recurrence, for 3 years, or diastolic murmur with characteristic EKG manifestations or definitely enlarged heart	30
With identifiable valvular lesion, slight, if any dyspnea, the heart not enlarged; following established active rheumatic heart disease	10
7001 Endocarditis, bacterial, subacute.	
7002 Pericarditis, bacterial or rheumatic, acute. Rate as rheumatic heart disease.	
7003 Adhesions, pericardial:	

DISEASES OF THE HEART—Continued

	Rating
Extensive, obliterating the sac, with congestive heart failure	100
Rate lesser conditions as rheumatic heart disease, inactive.	
7004 Syphilitic heart disease: Rate as rheumatic heart disease, inactive.	
7005 Arteriosclerotic heart disease: During and for 6 months following acute illness from coronary occlusion or thrombosis, with circulatory shock, etc	100
After 6 months, with chronic residual findings of congestive heart failure or angina on moderate exertion or more than sedentary employment precluded	100
Following typical history of acute coronary occlusion or thrombosis as above, or with history of substantiated repeated anginal attacks, more than light manual labor not feasible	60
Following typical coronary occlusion or thrombosis, or with history of substantiated anginal attack, ordinary manual labor feasible	30
7006 Myocardium, infarction of, due to thrombosis or embolism. Rate as arteriosclerotic heart disease.	
7007 Hypertensive heart disease: With definite signs of congestive failure, more than sedentary employment precluded	100
With marked enlargement of the heart, confirmed by roentgenogram, or the apex beat beyond midclavicular line, sustained diastolic hypertension, diastolic 120 or more, which may later have been reduced, dyspnea on exertion, more than light manual labor is precluded	60
With definite enlargement of the heart, sustained diastolic hypertension of 100 or more, moderate dyspnea on exertion	30
7008 Hyperthyroid heart disease: With signs of congestive failure	100
With permanent or paroxysmal auricular fibrillation	60
NOTE: The ratings under Code 7008 are not to be combined with ratings for hyperthyroidism. Rate lesser conditions as hyperthyroidism. Cardiac neurosis. Refer to psychiatric schedule. NOTE: The following Codes 7010 through 7015 reflecting arrhythmias and conduction abnormalities are occasionally encountered. Standing alone they represent incomplete diagnoses. Ratings are not to be combined with those for other heart or psychiatric conditions.	
7010 Auricular flutter, paroxysmal. Rate as paroxysmal tachycardia.	
7011 Auricular fibrillation, paroxysmal. Rate as paroxysmal tachycardia.	
7012 Auricular fibrillation, permanent	10
7013 Tachycardia, paroxysmal: Severe, frequent attacks	30
Infrequent attacks	10
7014 Sinus tachycardia: Persistently 100 or more in recumbent position ..	10
7015 Atrioventricular block: Complete; with attacks of syncope necessitating the insertion of a permanent internal pacemaker, and for 1 year, after which period the rating will be on residuals as below	100
Complete: with Stokes-Adams attacks several times a year despite the use of medication or management of the heart block by pacemaker ..	60